

Name of Committee: Override Study Committee- Public Hearing

Meeting Date: January 22, 2014

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Location: Town Hall- 6<sup>th</sup> Selectmen's Hearing Room

Members Present:

X	Clifford Brown	X	Kevin Lang	X	Beth Jackson Stram
X	Alberto Chang	X	Carol Levin	X	Timothy Sullivan
X	Chad Ellis	X	Sergio Modigliani	X	Ann Connolly Tolkoff
X	Janet Gelbart	X	Lee Selwyn	X	Dick Benka – Co-Chair
X	Michael Glover	X	Lisa Serafin Sheehan	X	Susan Wolf Ditkoff – Co-Chair
X	Carol Kamin	X	James Stergios		

Topic: Introductions

Susan Wolf Ditkoff began the meeting with Committee introductions and gave an overview of the Committee's work. Dick Benka presented material on the potential tax impact of and override/debt exclusion based on the current proposals. Alan Morse provided a statement on behalf of the entire School Committee and stressed the importance of investing in education.

Topic: Public Comment

The following individuals provided comments for the Override Study Committee:

1. Daniel Lipton, Driscoll parent Devotion teacher- In support of the METCO program, against larger class size
2. Flora Traub Against eliminating the materials fee.
3. Savion Cohen- Pro METCO- Read a letter from Nicolas, a METCO student from Roxbury
4. Khari Cohen, BHS student- In support of the METCO program.
5. Jane Pinto- Director of Children's Center, in favor of the Early Education program, stressed the importance of retaining teachers- doesn't think rent should be charged for Early Education.
6. Noah Nsangou, BHS student- In support of the METCO program.
7. Stephen Whalen – In support of the METCO program, and BTA program (Materials)
8. Cara Flynn Karston BSSCC Co-Chair In favor of the Early Education Program. Don't raise cost of program.
9. Roberta Hayes Batista- In support of the METCO program.
10. David Knight, Lincoln parent on Ed Foundation Board Against using Old Lincoln as 9th school.

11. Jennifer Martin –BHS teacher In favor of the Materials fee. Explained how she was recruited from Sharon for the benefit.
12. Martha Gray Pro In support of the METCO program.
13. David Belchick, Driscoll parent- In favor of the BEEP program.
14. Dr. Sperber quantify OSC items, education tied to property value rising, concerned about 10/46 items: no class size, tutorial world lang, METCO, Materials, fees for full day kindergarten or move to rec dept, reduce lib, charge extended day.
15. Ruth Gass, retired teacher –supports the override because it will help with equity in the schools.
16. Josh Paris, chair of BHS math dept.- In favor of the Materials Fee Program.
17. Ken Liss, Brookline Historical Society- don't move Devotion House

Dick reminded the group that the 3/1 report is for FY15 items. The bridge budget is being worked on, but a final report won't be ready by 3/1.

18. Gary Shiffman, Social Studies Dept chair- Support educators in favor of the Materials Fee and 4+1 at the High School.
19. Mariam Asconazi, Heath parent In support of the METCO program – wants to see it grow.
20. Alyssa Kleinman -In support of the METCO program and the Materials Fee Program.
21. Tommy Vitolo, TMM parent, In support of the METCO program. Increase the program. Don't eliminate Health Dept inspection of daycare.
22. Roger Grande, BHS Social Studies teacher- In favor of the Materials Fee Program.
23. Cina Doctroff- concern about the Driscoll expansion
24. Rebecca Mautner, TMM and parent- In support of the METCO program.
25. Jessica Wender Shubow, President of BEU- In support of the METCO program and the Materials Fee Program.
26. James DiCarlo Driscoll parent -Why is Old Lincoln School good for 2 years, but not permanently?
27. Sara Bowes In favor of the override. In support of the METCO program and the Materials Fee Program, but not in favor of using the Old Lincoln School as a permanent K-8.
28. Gary Jones, Library Trustee- In support of the METCO program and an override
29. Thomas Nally- Would like to see a range of costs or savings for each item on the list and a list of constraints and effectiveness of each item. What it will take to overcome those obstacles?

30. David Lechinsky, owner of Eureka puzzles- Don't raise rates for parking meters. Customers avoid Coolidge COrner because of ticketing.
31. Jared Orsini, Health Dept. inspector- In favor of the Materials Fee Program for non-school employees.
32. Eli Humerberg In support of the Early Education program and METCO program.
33. Monica and Adam Brady Myerov- In favor of the Materials Fee Program.
34. Gabriella Strecka President of Runkle extended day program In favor of the Materials Fee Program, BEEP and METCO
35. Regina Healy, Library Trustee Brookline PAX- In support of the METCO program on behalf of PAX.
36. Brian Hocheleter, Human Relations Youth Resources Committee- In support of the METCO program (HRYR- will submit a separate statement of support)
37. Chris Kallaher, Lincoln and BEEP parent, Against charging for full day kindergarten. In support of the METCO and Materials Fee Programs.
38. Calvin Thompson, BHS senior- In support of the METCO program and the Materials Fee Program.
39. Sam Silberman Lincoln parent
40. Francie Karlen- Health parent and PTO president In support of the Materials Fee Program.
41. Paul Trahon, Brookline Fire- In support of the Fire Department. Do not reduce manning.
42. Brian Mulckern, Brookline Fire- In support of the Fire Department. Do not reduce manning.
43. Rich Dat 12 thorndike Driscoll parent- In support of the METCO program against the proposed Driscoll expansion – smaller school size is important. We need to invest in schools. In support of the Fire Department.
44. Rachel Santoloesh BHS graduate- Against school cuts. In support of the METCO program and Materials Fee for teachers.
45. Mary Gillach – Driscoll parent and abutter wants an innovative override.
46. Genae Johnson, Doesn't want World Language to be a "special".
47. Peter Kleiner, Driscoll parent- What if Devotion didn't move forward? It only adds five classrooms. What if MSBA funding wasn't a requirement? They seem to have most expensive solution in from of them.

48. Andrew Shalit, Pierce parent and BEEP- Thinks there is rebuilding to do, not just maintaining. He supports the full request
49. Tatiana Beckwith, Heath teacher- In support of the Materials Fee for teachers.
50. Rana Razi- Heath and HS parent- In support of the METCO program and Materials Fee for teachers.
51. Alyssa Bush- Not in favor of education cuts. In support of the extended day program.

The hearing concluded at 8:50PM.